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SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK TO HOST VOLUNTEER WEED FREE TRAILS PROGRAM ORIENTATION ON JANUARY 14TH

Tucson, AZ – Saguaro National Park is seeking volunteers to attend the 5th annual Weed Free Trails program orientation on January 14, 2012.

The goal of Weed Free Trails program is to monitor the Saguaro National Park trails network from invasive plants primarily through volunteer assistance. The collective group of “weed-free trail monitors” will observe trail segments a minimum of once per year, as scheduling and time permit. To learn more about the program, visit the Weed Free Trails webpage at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/weedfreetrails>

The Weed Free Trails Orientation will be at the Environmental Education Center at the Tucson Mountain District, 2700 N. Kinney Rd, from 8:00am-12:00pm. The half day orientation is a *prerequisite* for participation in the program, and will cover a wide variety of topics, including project parameters, cultural, radio and safety training. "Trial Trail", or field days, will be conducted shortly after the classroom orientation. These trainings will focus on Plant ID and Data Recording specifics.

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